

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** claims 24-29 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of presentation of this subject matter in a continuation application.

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) A recirculating filter system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:

a tank having an inlet and an outlet and troughs forming channels integrally in at least the bottom and side walls of the tank;

at least one mattress-like filter placed within the tank, the mattress-like filter having aggregate material sealed therein.

11. (currently amended) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, wherein at least one mattress-like filter is at least two mattress-like filters.

12. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 11, wherein each of the mattress-like filters have a different sized aggregate sealed therein.

13. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 12, wherein a finer sized aggregate filled mattress-like filter of the at least two mattress-like filters is placed on top of a larger sized aggregate filled mattress-like filter of the at least two mattress-like filters within the tank.

14. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, wherein the aggregate material is synthetic particles.

15. (currently amended) The recirculating filter system of claim 14, wherein the synthetic particles ~~is~~ are propylene.
16. (previously presented) The recirculating filter system of claim 14, wherein the synthetic particles have a specific gravity of approximately .9 +/- 3%.
17. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, wherein the at least one mattress-like filter is made from fabric or a synthetic material.
18. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 17, wherein the synthetic material is propylene or ethylene clothing.
19. (currently amended) The recirculating filter system of claim 18, wherein a weave of the fabric or the synthetic material is ~~small~~ smaller than a diameter of the aggregate material sealed therein thus preventing migration thereof.
20. (cancelled)
21. (previously presented) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, further comprising a sheet placed over the troughs of the side of the tank.
22. (original) The recirculating filter system 10, wherein the tank is a precast concrete or a synthetic material.
23. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 22, wherein the tank includes a flange and ribs disposed about a periphery thereof.
- 24 – 30. (cancelled)